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A

MEMORIAL

BY THE

E----l of *K----ld----e*,

TO

His M--j---y, the 26th of *May*, 1753.

CONTAINING

An Account, and Reaſons of the Discontents and Divisions, that at preſent ſubſiſt among Your M--j--y's moſt Dutiful, Faithful, Loyal H---e of C--mm--ns, and devoted Proteſtant S--bj--cts of I---l---d:

Humbly offered to Your M--j--y's Conſideration.

WITH

The E---l of *H---ld---ſs*'s LETTER,

By His M--j--y's Command,

To the L—d Ch--n--ll--r of I—l—d, in Anſwer to the E—l of K--ld--e's Memorial.

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WHEN the D. of D——t, L. L———t of I——d, opened the P———t there in October 1751, in that Part of his Speech to the H—e of C—m—s, he told them, he had ordered a particular Account of the Money expended in repairing, rebuilding, or building of B—rr—ks, purſuant to their Addreſs in a former S——n of P——, to be laid before them; upon which a Committee was appointed to examine into the Eſtimates and Accounts of B—rr—ks that were repaired, &c. and alſo into the Reaſons of univerſal Complaints of the Officers, and the general Outcry of the neighbouring Gentlemen, to almoſt every B—rr—k, as to the Materials and Workmanſhip.

This Clamour, upon a ſtrict Examination on Oath, was prov'd to be well founded, as will appear to your M——y, by that Reſolution of that Committee, which I beg to leave before your M——y.

But Mr. A——r J——s N—v—l, then your M——y's Surveyor and Engineer General, who was juſt come into the H——e of C—m—s, being a Friend of the L. Pr—te's of I——d, and by that Means of my L. G——e S—kv—le's, the L. L———t's Secretary, was to be ſupported, as much as their Weight and Intereſt could ſupport him; altho' the L. L———t told Mr. B—le, the Sp——r of the H——e of C—m—s, at the Beginning of the Enquiry, that he had no Intention to ſcreen him, and as it was a Buſineſs merely relative to the Country, that he muſt ſtand

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or fall by his Works; but when Facts began to appear againſt him in a ſtrong Light, the L. L———t ſaid to the Sp——r, that as he was an Officer of the Crown, he could wiſh he was not to be expell'd the H——e of C—m—s, and that there ſhould be no Addreſs preſented to remove him from his Employment, which the Sp——r undertook and prevented, tho' with Difficulty, upon the L. L———t's aſſuring him that he ſhould be puniſh'd, if upon Enquiry it appeared he deſerved it.

I aſſure your M——y, that it was upon this Engagement, and for no other Reaſons, that the Sp——r and your M——y's loyal H——e of C—m—s of I——d thought proper to proceed no further than thoſe Reſolutions, which, tho' they are very ſtrong, are not carried to Expulſion; nor was there any Addreſs to remove him from his Employment, but the H——e of C—m—ns addreſs'd the L. L———t to lay thoſe Reſolutions before your M——y, and out of Reſpect to your M——y (as the Surveyor-General was one of your Servants) they ſubmitted the Remainder of his Puniſhment to your M——y's royal Pleaſure, for miſemploying the Money, and for erecting many of the B—rr—ks in ſo bad a Manner, as to endanger the Health of your M——y's Troops, as is mentioned in the ſaid Reſolution of that Committee; and many of the B—rr—ks that are built, re-built, and repaired, are now in ſuch a Condition, that the B—rr—k Board has advertiſed for Workmen to propoſe for the Repairing of them. notwithſtanding the Reſolution of the H——e of C—m—s, that Mr. N—v—l, at that Time Surveyor-General, ſhould, at his own Expence, be obliged to procure the ſeveral Perſons he had contracted with to finiſh the ſame, ſo as to make them fit and convenient for the Reception of your M——'s Troops.

But it is with Concern that your M——y's faithful People of I——d find, that the L. L———t has prevailed upon your M——y rather to reward than puniſh the Perſon upon whom theſe Reſolutions were paſs'd, by permitting him to ſell his Employment at the full Price, which was intended in ſome Manner to diſappoint the Intentions of your M——y's dutiful C—m—s, who for many Years have carried on your M——y's Buſineſs, with Chearfulneſs and Unanimity, and with Eaſe to the L. L———t, much to the Honour of Mr. B—le the Sp—r, who was in P———t before the happy Acceſſion of your M——y's R—y—l Family to the Cr—n of theſe Kingdoms, where he always ſhew'd the warmeſt Zeal and Attachment for your M——y's R—y—l H——e. And your M——y's loyal C—m—s of I——d, upon Account of his Principles, his Family,

mily, and Connections, choſe him their Sp——r in 1733; ſince which Time he has carried on your M——y's Affairs thro' the H——e of C—m—s, who have ever placed the greateſt Confidence in him, but he is now treated as no longer worthy that Honour, and that upon falſe Pretences, the better to carry on all the Endeavours uſed, to put into another Channel, that is, into the Hands of the Pr—te, which your M——'s Subjects hope never to ſee in his, or any other Churchman's, as it is, and always has been dangerous to our Conſtitution, and contrary to the natural Intereſt and Principles of your M——y's Proteſtant Subjects of I——d.

The Attempt of this has cauſed great Diſcontent and Diviſion among us, and tends only to ſerve the private and ambitious Views of him, who for your M——y's Service, and from his Situation in Life, ſhould keep up Unanimity and Harmony, rather than ſtir up Flame among thoſe, who 'till lately, were almoſt all of one Mind. I muſt beg leave to inform your M——y, that at the latter End of laſt S——n of P———t in I——d, thoſe to whom the Government of the Kingdom is intruſted, upon a Queſtion for a Call of the Houſe being carried againſt them, (in which your M——y's Buſineſs was not in the leaſt concerned) carried their Reſentment to ſuch a Heighth, that Mr. B—le a Relation of the Sp——r, and Mr. Neſb—t, both Members of P———t, and in every Thing attached to your M——y, had the Payment of their Penſions ſtopp'd for ſome Time; but as no good Reaſon could be aſſigned for that precipitate Action, it is believed that was done to gratify the Humours of the L. L———t's Secretary, and alſo to ſhew what thoſe are to expect, who withſtand the Power of him, who by his Profeſſion, when once Power is in his Hands, knows no Bounds to it.

The Diſcontent with the L L———t, the Conduct of thoſe in his Confidence, and the idle Stories that were artfully propagated, cauſed ſuch a Suſpicion in Regard to the Manner, in which your M——y's moſt loyal Subjects would be repreſented, upon your M——y's Arrival in Engl—d, as obliged the H—e of C——ns, at the End of laſt S—ſſi—n (though unpreſented) to trouble your M——y with an humble Addreſs, to aſſure your M——y of their Attachment and Zeal, which was uſually deſir'd, in their Addeſs, to the L. L———t, who was alſo addreſſed, but in a different Style from thoſe whom your M——y had honoured with the high Poſt for many Years paſt; theſe Addreſſes I alſo beg leave to lay before your M——y; it is with Concern I

aſſure your M——y, that inſtead of Meaſures being uſed to unite your M——y's Subjects, who have nothing more at Heart, than your M——y's Welfare, the Breach grows wider and wider, ſince not only Promiſes to ſome, and Threats to others are daily uſed, but indirect Attempts are made to diſturb the quiet Poſſeſſion of thoſe who ever were, and are moſt firmly attach'd to your M——y's Royal Houſe.

I ſhould look upon myſelf, as wanting in my Duty and Attachment to your M——y's Perſon, and Love to my Country, if I did not lay theſe Tranſactions before your M——y, that Country being ſo unhappily ſituated, as not to have any other Communication with your M——y, but through the L. L———t, who has the Opportunity of repreſenting your M——y's faithful People in what Light he thinks moſt proper for his own Purpoſe. I therefore hope your M——y will pardon me for attempting to repreſent theſe Affairs, which I ſhould not have done, but from the Apprehenſion and Dread of the Conſequences that may ariſe from a H——e of C——s, inflamed by the haughty and partial Behaviour of the L. L———t's Secretary, ſupported by the L. L———t, and their Conduct being to alter the preſent Courſe of Buſineſs, from Mr. B—e the Sp——r, to that of the Pr—e, who has ſolely engroſſed all Recommendation to the L. L———, for your M——y's gracious Favours, and they are confined to thoſe only, who will ſupport the new attempted Power in a P——e.

I wiſh I could have ſaid the Flame had ſtopped here, but on the contrary, it is ſpreading itſelf through moſt of your M——y's faithful, dutiful, and loyal Proteſtant Subjects in I——d, who are firmly attched to your M——y's R--y--l Perſon and G—v—t in both Kingdoms.

HIS MA----Y'S ANSWER

TO THE

E--l of *K-----e*'s MEMORIAL.

To the L--d N----, L--d H—— Ch—— of Ireland.

MY LORD, W—hall, 29 June, 1753.

I Have the K—'s Commands to tranſmit to your Lordſhip the incloſed Copy of a Paper, which has been preſented to His M——y by the Earl of K——re, containing an Account of ſuppoſed Diſcontents and Diviſions amongſt His M——y's faithful Subjects in Ireland, and aſcribing the Cauſes thereof to the Conduct of the Lord L——t, and of thoſe in whom his G—ce, for the better carrying on His M——y's Affairs, places a Confidence: and all this is repreſented as the Sentiments of a great Part of the Houſe of C——s of Ireland, and many others of the moſt zealous of the K—'s Proteſtant Subjects there.

On the Peruſal of ſo uncommon and extraordinary an Application His M—y expreſſed his great Surprize, and has directed me to acquaint your Lordſhip, that His M—y has the firmeſt Reliance on the Duty and inviolable Attachment of his Proteſtant Subjects of Ireland to his ſacred Perſon, R—al Family and Government, being thoroughly perſuaded, that their Loyalty and Zeal for his Service are not to be ſhaken by any Inſinuations or Miſrepreſentations whatever. The K—g has had ſo great Experience of the Abilities and Fidelity of the D— of D——t, in the ſeveral important Truſts which have been repoſed in him, and particularly by the great Satisfaction which a ſeven Years Adminiſtration in Ireland had formerly given, not only to His M——y, but alſo to his faithful Subjects there; that His M——y judged that by appointing his G—ce a ſecond Time to the important Station of Lord L——t, he gave no ſmall Proof of his Attention and Regard to their Intereſt and Welfare, which His M——y has, and always will have, entirely at Heart.

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In this Light his M——y looks upon his G—ce as deſerving his Support, without which his Service cannot be carried on.

The K—g's Ear will always be open to receive any juſt Complaints of any of his Subjects; but his M—y thinks it does not belong to any particular Perſon (how reſpectable ſoever) to ſpeak in the Name of a great Body of his People, much leſs one of his Houſes of P———t there, and to put an Interpretation upon their Proceedings and Reſolutions which they have not thought fit to expreſs.

The K—g is determined to continue his R—al Protection and Countenance to all his faithful Servants and Subjects in Ireland; but his M——y, and under him his C—f Go——r of that Kingdom, are, and ought to be, the proper Judges by what Perſons, or through what Channel his R—l Favours are to be diſpenſed.

It is his M——y's Pleaſure that your Lordſhip ſhould communicate this Letter to the Earl of K——e, and to ſuch other Perſons as you ſhall think proper and expedient.

Your Lordſhip will obſerve, how little Impreſſion Repreſentations of this Nature make on the K—g's Greatneſs of Mind, againſt daily Proofs of Fidelity and Zeal in his Service; and the Duty, Attachment, and good Affections of his M——y's faithful C—m—s of I——d, and of the reſt of his loyal Proteſtant Subjects there, have been ſo truly and amply laid before the K—g by the D— of D——t, that they did not ſtand in need of any farther Enforcement.

Upon the whole, his M——y depends on the chearful Concurrence of all his good Subjects of that Kingdom to ſupport his Government, and to render it eaſy and happy in the Hands in which his M——y has, for the juſteſt Reaſons, been pleaſed to entruſt it.

H—LD—SS.

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